



**Work Readiness Credential Assessment & Training
Summer Youth Employment Training Program**

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Making Sure Youth Are Work Ready
RFP Issued for Work Readiness Credential Assessment & Training

On April 1, the Workforce Investment Network issued a Request for Proposals for individuals and agencies qualified and interested in providing National Work Readiness Credential Pilot Project assessment and/or training activities to support – as part of its overall Hire-a-Youth strategy - the Network's 2009 Summer Youth Employment Training Program.

As part of its strategic planning process to meet the anticipated goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Workforce Investment Board, on February 19, 2009, established a number of priorities, including implementing a Work Readiness Credential in partnership with business, and using the National Work Readiness Credential, www.workreadiness.com, as the model.

The Network will implement this pilot project as part of its 2009 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program and it will include basic skills remediation as a required element for those youth in need. This credential is intended to enhance the skills development and entry-level job readiness for residents.

Through a network of community-based organizations and educational partners, the Youth Opportunity Center (Center) conducts and coordinates various services for youth ages 14 – 24. These services include education, experience and employment.

The Center's Hire-a-Youth Program provides specific employment preparation and placement support to youth around work experience and internship strategies; job shadow opportunities; hiring events, including the annual Summer Opportunities Fair; employment preparation and work readiness workshops; and job coaching.

